Reasons to Choose Our Programs:

- Western Michigan University’s Counseling Psychology (M.A., Ph.D.) programs focus on preparing competent, ethical and culturally sensitive counseling psychology professionals through graduate education and scholarship.

- The Counseling Psychology M.A. program emphasizes and prepares students to offer services in a variety of mental health settings, including eligibility to become a Limited Licensed Psychologist in Michigan. Such individuals may practice under the supervision of a Licensed Psychologist in Michigan.

- The Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association, and prepares students to become fully licensed psychologists.

- Our programs recognize the importance of meeting the needs of an increasing diverse society and have a strong multicultural and diversity emphasis.

- Counseling practicum training takes place in the department’s Centers for Counseling and Psychological Services in Kalamazoo and in Grand Rapids – among the finest training facilities in the nation.
Counseling Psychology (M.A., Ph.D.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
The Counseling Psychology M.A. program provides a focus on psychopathology, psychological assessment, counseling and psychotherapy theories and practices, and practicum experiences; and is designed to prepare students to offer services in a variety of mental health settings.

The Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program is based on the scientist-practitioner model, whereby theory, research, and practice are interdependent and complementary. The curriculum and practical experiences are designed to ensure professional competency in all three dimensions and facilitate their integration.

WMU’s Counseling Psychology program faculty have a strong record of contributions to the profession of counseling psychology. Key areas of expertise include: assessment, counseling outcome and process, career development, consultation, family therapy, group work, minority mental health, multicultural counseling and supervision, race, and sexual orientation.

Admissions
The CECP department has three different application deadlines for the Counseling Psychology M.A. program: January 15 for the ensuing summer and fall semesters; May 15 for the ensuing fall semester; and September 15 for the ensuing spring semester.

The Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program application due date is December 10 for the following fall semester.

All required applications materials are available on the department’s website: wmich.edu/cecp/academics/doctoral/phd-counselingpsychology (GRE scores are required for Ph.D. applicants).

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
Since the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology is a graduate student only department, very few assistantships are available within the department at the M.A. level. M.A. students may apply to other departments and units around the University for competitive assistantships/fellowships that may be open to M.A. student applicants. A number of doctoral graduate assistantships and associateships are available within the department and University on a competitive basis.

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Western Michigan University
One of the top-100 public universities in the United States, Western Michigan University offers many nationally known graduate programs, including 30 doctoral and 70 master’s degrees. More than 20 percent of its 24,000 students are enrolled in graduate course work.

Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.